



Education Minnesota Early Enrollment Program 2021

Who is eligible?

All potential members, regardless of whether they've been members before, are eligible this year. Education Minnesota was granted a one-time exemption to recruit previous NEA members who may have dropped their membership. This means that every potential member is eligible to participate in the Early Enrollment program this year.

For all purposes, including membership counts and governance representation, early enrollees are non-members until the membership year begins on September 1, 2021.

Why join?

Members receive access to an array of member benefits from the organizations listed below beginning April 1, 2021, through Aug. 31, 2021, at no cost.

1. NEA Educators Employment Liability (EEL) Program – professional liability insurance
2. NEA Member Benefits Programs
 - a. For a comprehensive look at all the programs and services NEA Member Benefits offers early enrollees, visit [NEA early enrollment member benefits](#)
 - b. Please note that first-time active early enrollees **are not** eligible to participate in the NEA Complimentary Life and Introductory Life Insurance programs and the Unified Legal Services Program (ULSP)* until their memberships are fully activated in September 2021.

** Unified Legal Services Program (ULSP) is available before Sept. 1 to first-time active members when their school year work starts before Sept. 1. ULSP covers that member's work for the school and continues, after Sept. 1, as part of their regular benefits from the association.*

The distinction between when EEL and ULSP becomes a benefit is shown in the continuum below:

<i>First-time active member</i>	<i>April 1</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Sept., etc.</i>
<i>April 1 and school year work starts Aug. 15</i>	<i>EEL No ULSP</i>	<i>EEL No ULSP</i>	<i>EEL No ULSP</i>	<i>EEL No ULSP</i>	<i>EEL ULSP as of Aug. 15</i>	<i>EEL ULSP</i>

3. AFT Member Benefit Programs
 - a. For a comprehensive look at all the programs and services AFT Member Benefits offers early enrollees, visit [AFT member benefits](#)
 - b. Please note that first-time active early enrollees **are not** eligible to participate in the AFT Group Term Life Insurance and Defense Fund until their memberships are fully activated in September 2021.
4. Education Minnesota ESI Member Benefit Program
 - a. For a comprehensive look at all the programs and services Education Minnesota Economic Services Inc. (ESI) Member Benefits offers early enrollees, visit www.educationminnesota.org/member-benefits/your-pocketbook/esi-savings
 - b. Please note that first-time active early enrollees **are not** eligible to participate in the Identity Theft Recovery Protection Plan until their memberships are fully activated in September 2021.

How to join?

There are two ways to participate in the Early Enrollment program

1. *Online*
[Join the Early Enrollment program](#) now. This quick, easy form is the recommended method to join.
2. *Paper application*

- Complete, sign and date the Early Enrollment Pledge Form and the 2021-20 Education Minnesota Application Form.
- Attach the Early Enrollment Pledge form to the 2020-21 Application Form and return both to your field office.
- If you need membership applications or pledge forms email membership@edmn.org. Please include your mailing address and the quantity needed.

Checklist

- ✓ Ensure that the employment start date is entered on the application and the pledge form.
- ✓ Ensure that the application and the pledge forms are signed and dated.
- ✓ Ensure that each membership application has an accompanying early enrollment pledge form.
 - Applications received without the pledge form will be processed as a regular application.
 - Early enrollment pledge forms received without an application cannot be processed and will be returned to the local.